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SUBJECT: PRESS RELEASE ON US-MOZAMBIQUE FOOD AID AGREEMENT

1. TODAY, THE EMBASSY RELEASED THE FOLLOWING: QUOTE

2. MAPUTO, DECEMBER 2, 1977. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE TODAY SIGNED A PL-480 TITLE II FOOD ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT VALUED AT US\$8.7. MILLION. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT THE UNITED STATES WILL PROVIDE THE GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE 20,000 TONS OF WHEAT, 5,000 TONS OF RICE AND 2,000 TONS OF NON-FAT DRY MILK FOR USE BY THE PEOPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE AND 2,190 TONS OF RICE, 438 TONS OF NON-FAT DRY MILK AND 160 TONS OF VEGETABLE OIL FOR ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES LIVING IN MOZAMBIQUE.

3. THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE BY THE DIRECTOR
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OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION JOAO BAPTISTA COSME AND ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BY AMBASSADOR WILLARD A. DE PREE. THE SIGNING CEREMONY TOOK PLACE THIS AFTERNOON AT MOZAMBIQUE'S MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC PLANNING.

4. THE FIRST SHIPMENT OF 10,000 TONS OF AMERICAN WHEAT IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MOZAMBIQUE IN THE MIDDLE OF DECEMBER.

A SECOND SHIPMENT OF APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AMOUNT WILL ARRIVE IN JANUARY, 1978. THE DRY MILK AND RICE WILL BE DELIVERED AT VARIOUS INTERVALS DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1978.

5. THE FIRST CONSIGNMENT OF 1,050 TONS OF RICE FOR THE ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES WAS DELIVERED IN LATE OCTOBER. A SECOND SHIPMENT OF DRY MILK IS DUE IN MID-DECEMBER AND A THIRD SHIPMENT OF DRY MILK IS DUE IN MID-DECEMBER AND A THIRD SHIPMENT OF FOOD COMMODITIES IS EXPECTED TO BE DELIVERED IN EARLY PART OF 1978. THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FOOD TO THE ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES IS BEING COORDINATED BY MOZAMBIQUE'S NATIONAL DIRECTORATE OF REFUGEE SERVICES IN COOPERATION WITH THE LOCAL OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES.

6. THE AMERICAN FOOD ASSISTANCE IS BEING GIVEN TO MOZAMBIQUE IN RESPONSE TO UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 411 OF JUNE 1977 WHICH CALLED ON ALL MEMBER STATES TO ASSIST MOZAMBIQUE IN OVERCOMING THE SEVERE ECONOMIC LOSSES BROUGHT ABOUT BY RHODESIAN RAIDSTO MOZAMBIQUE. THE RESOLUTION ALSO CALLED ON UN MEMBERS TO ASSIST MOZAMBIQUE IN FEEDING AND CARING FOR 35,000 ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES NOW LIVING IN MOZAMBIQUE.

7. OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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HAS ALSO MADE THE FOLLOWING FOOD CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOUR WORLD FOOD PROGRAM PROJECTS IN MOZAMBIQUE:

---571 TONS OF CORN-SOYA MIXTURE: 228 TONS OF NON-FAT DRY MILK AND 114 TONS OF VEGETABLE OIL IN SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE'S PRIMARY BOARDING SCHOOL IN CABO DELGADO, NIASA AND TETE PROVINCES:

--900 TONS OF CORN-SOYA MIXTURE IN SUPPORT OF THE RE-SETTLEMENT OF REPATRIATED MOZAMBICANS IN TEN COMMUNAL VILLAGES IN NORTHERN MOZAMBIQUE:

--1,575 TONS OF CORNMEAL AND 144 TONS OF NON-FAT DRY MILK IN SUPPORT OF THE RESETTLEMENT OF LIMPOPO FLOOD VICTIMS: AND

--840 TONS OF CORN-SOYA MIXTURE AND 100 TONS OF NON-FAT DRY MILK FOR ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES IN MOZAMBIQUE. END QUOTE DE PREE

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